

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
forcing their
stations to program
a "documentary"
against Senator
Kerry only a few
days before the
election is a
reprehensible misuse
of public airwaves
for what is
virtually a
partisan, political
program masquerading
as news. In effect,
Sinclair is thumbing
its nose at FCC
regulations,
election law, and
real news reporting
so vital to the
public. Sinclair's
action represents
the very real
dangers of media
consolidation and
the public's right
to real news and
real reporting.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned

postcard. Thank you.